

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
to the
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WOODBRIDGE.
for the YEAR 1945.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Herewith my Report for the year
1945, on the lines directed by the Ministry of Health.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES M. WHITEFORD.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS.

POPULATION. The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population is 4,718 ;

<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate	67	33	34
Illegitimate	15	10	5

This gives a Birth Rate per 1,000 population of 17.4 ;
(England and Wales 16.1).

<u>STILL BIRTHS.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	2	2	-

This gives a Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population of 0.85;
(England and Wales 0.46).

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total Births is 46.5

<u>DEATHS.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	69	27	42

This gives a Crude Death Rate of 14.6 per 1,000 population,
(England and Wales 11.4).

DEATH FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.

Puerperal Sepsis.	NIL.
Other Maternal Causes.	NIL.

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

All infants per 1,000 Live Births	24.4
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	29.9
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births.	NIL
Death from Cancer (all ages).	8
Death from Measels (all ages).	NIL
Death from Whooping Cough (all ages).	NIL
Death from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).	NIL

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES.

The County Council is the responsible authority for the public health services - Maternity and Child Welfare, Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases Schemes, and all School Medical Services.

NOTIFICATION.

Arrangements to combat infestation of head or body or clothing remain as formerly.

- (a) School children are examined and Cleansed by the School Nurses.
- (b) Grown-ups and children under school age can be disinfested in hospital if required.

Premises can be fumigated, clothing and fabrics heat-treated and various insecticides supplied for domestic cleaning.

No cases of scabies infestation were referred for treatment during the year.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING 1945.

Disease.	Total noti- fied.	Age Group.													Admi- tted to Hosp- ital.	Total Deaths.
		0	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 up			
Whooping Cough	19	3	1	1	3	3	8									NIL
Measles	20	2	3	2	4		5	1	1	2						NIL
Cerebro-spinal fever.	3				1	2									3	NIL
Pneumonia	14		2		2	1	2			1			1	5		2
Erysipelas	2												1	1		NIL

In addition to the above there was one case of Infective Jaundice notified during the year.

The three cases notified as Cerebro-spinal Fever were all on final diagnosis found not to be meningitis.

No cases of Diptheria were notified during the year. The campaign for immunisation of children against diptheria was continued as in former years -

No. of children completing a course of immunisation during 1945	}	Age 0 - 4 years.	Age 5- 15 years
		67	7

TUBERCULOSIS: The figures for 1945 are tabulated below :-

Age Groups.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 -								
1 -								
5 -								
10 -				1				
15 -								
20 -								
25 -		1				1		
35 -	1							
45 -	1							
55 -		1						
65 upwards								

During 1945 there were 2 cases removed from the Tuberculosis Register for reasons as under :-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-pulmonary</u>		<u>Total.</u>
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	
Diagnosis not established	-	-	-	1	1
Removed to other districts.	-	-	-	-	-
Cured	-	-	-	1	1

WATER SUPPLIES.

- (1) The water supply during 1945 was satisfactory as regards quality and quantity.
- (2) During the year no examinations were made of water.
- (3) The water has a moderate degree of hardness, and there has been no evidence of any plumbosolvent action.
- (4) No evidence was found of pollution of piped water supplies, Private supplies, derived from wells, if queried as to quality are treated by simple sterilisation in the home, the well being shared or as in the solitary suspect case arising during 1945 the well is ordered to be closed up and the mains supply laid on.
- (5) No. of inhabited houses during 1945 - 1,852.
Population (Registrar General) 4,718
Average no. of persons per house 2.98

Dwelling houses supplied with piped water

- (a) direct to houses 857 or 46.3%
- (b) by standpipes to groups of houses 335 or 18.1%

Proportion of population supplied with mains water.

- (a) by direct supply to houses - roughly 54.5%
- (b) by standpipes to groups of houses - roughly 21.3%

All other Public Health matters are being held over until further instructions from the Ministry of Health.

